

# **National Board Certification and Take One! Information and Support Workshops**

## **Jumpstart Part 1**

**Saturday September 24, 2011 8:30-3:00**

**Who should attend:** Anyone interested in becoming involved in the NBPTS process, any current Take One! Participant or Full National Board candidate

**What you will learn:** Get the information you need to decide if National Board Certification or Take One! Is for you. Find out what is involved, time commitments required and how to get assistance with fees. Connect with other Maine candidates as you hear an overview of the National Board process, learn the difference between Teaching Standards and Content Standards and what 'evidence' of accomplished teaching really means. Tips for establishing timelines, organizing the work, and accessing resources for candidate support will also be shared.

## **Jumpstart Part 2**

**Saturday October 15, 2011 8:30-3:00**

**Who should attend:** Any current Take One! Participant or Full National Board candidate

**What you will learn:** Finding, presenting and defending evidence of your accomplished teaching practice is at the heart of the National Board process. Learn strategies for reading portfolio directions, choosing the student work and video segments that best reflect your practice, and how to use the "Three Types of Writing" (Description, Analysis, Reflection) to make your case. Stay focused on what is really important in this process by hearing common mistakes candidates make... and how to avoid them!

## **Renewal Information**

**Saturday October 15, 2011 1:00-3:00**

**Who should attend:** Any NBCT who certified in 2002 or 2003 is eligible to renew their certification this year. Other NBCTs are welcome to attend to see what's in their future.

**What you will learn:** Find out what the renewal process involves. It is NOT a repeat of the original process.

## **Candidate Support Work Sessions**

**Nov 19, Dec 10 and Jan 21 8:30-3:00**

**Who should attend:** Any Take One! Participant, Full National Board candidate or Retake Candidate

**What you will learn:** Receive ongoing support on all aspects of your portfolio entries. These groups will be facilitated by Candidate Support Providers (NBCTs) with opportunities to share your work and have your specific questions addressed.

## **Finish Line**

**Saturday February 11, 2012 8:30-3:00**

**Who should attend:** Any Take One! Participant or Full National Board candidate or Retake Candidate

**What you will learn:** The end is in sight! Learn what to expect from the Assessment Center experience and gain valuable feedback on your portfolio work from other candidates. We will also look ahead to every candidate's favorite part of the National Board process- packing and mailing "The Box!"

## **Final Candidate Support Work Session**

**Sunday March 11, 2012 8:30-3:00**

**Who should attend:** Any Take One! Participant or Full National Board candidate or Retake Candidate looking for last minute help with any part of their entry or the process of submitting their work.

*All workshops are sponsored by the Maine Education Association and facilitated by trained Candidate Support Providers who are NBCTs. All workshops will be held at the Maine Education Association, 35 Community Drive, Augusta. The workshop series is a benefit to MEA members and non-members are welcome to participate for a \$535 fee.*

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